

Senate Group Return

For 2019 Federal election held on 18 May 2019

Subsections 304(3) and 309(3) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Electoral Act) require Senate group agents to furnish a return within 15 weeks after the polling day in the election.

The due date for lodging this return is **Monday 2 September 2019**.

Completing the Return:

- This return is for the agents of a Senate group who had their names grouped in the ballot papers in the 2019 Federal election.
- This return is to be completed by the person notified to the AEC as the Senate group agent or by the person whose name appeared first on the ballot paper if no agent of a Senate group was appointed.
- A Senate group that receives no gifts or incurs no electoral expenditure in relation to the election is required under Part XX of the Electoral Act to lodge a nil return.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the [*Financial Disclosure Guide for Candidates and Senate Groups*](#).
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Under subsection 320(1) of the Electoral Act this return will be available for public inspection at www.aec.gov.au from Monday 4 November 2019.
- Any supporting documentation included with this return may be treated as part of a public disclosure and displayed on the AEC website.
- The information on this return is collected under sections 304, 307, 309 and 313 of the Electoral Act.

NOTE: Senate groups endorsed by a single registered political party do not need to complete this return.

Senate Group Members

Party name/s (if none leave blank)		
State or Territory contested		
Names of group members	1	2
	3	4
	5	6
	7	8
	9	10
	11	12

Agent Details

Name			
Postal address			
Suburb/town	State	Postcode	
Telephone number	()		
Email address	Fax number ()		

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

Disclosure and Compliance
Australian Electoral Commission
Locked Bag 4007
Canberra ACT 2601

Phone: 02 6271 4552
Fax: 02 6293 7655
Email: fad@aec.gov.au

Office use only

Date received

Certification

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the Senate group candidates on whose behalf I am completing this form.

I understand that submitting an incomplete, false or misleading return is an offence under Division 137.1 of the Criminal Code Act 1995.

Signature

Date

Part 1—Donations received (subsection 304(3) of the Electoral Act).

Under section 287(9) of the Electoral Act, a Senate group is taken to begin to be a Senate group in an election, and must report donations received, from the day the members of the Senate group make a request to the AEC for their names to be grouped in the ballot papers and ending 30 days after polling day (17 June 2019).

Part 1a: Total of donations received

\$

This is the total value of **all donations received**, both **above and below** the disclosure threshold by the Senate group during the period the group was taken to be a Senate group in an election.

NOTE: Each Senate group member must report any individual donations received for their own benefit (as distinct to the benefit of the Senate group) in a Candidate Return.

Part 1b: Total number of donors

This is the **total number of donors** who made the donations included in 'Total of donations received' at Part 1a.

Part 1c: Details of donations received

This is the details of donations of more than \$13,800 received while the group was a Senate group. This includes the sum of all donations received from a single source that total to more than the disclosure threshold.

Under section 304 of the Electoral Act, for each donation received that was more than the disclosure threshold, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address* of the person or organisation from whom the donation was received; and
- date each donation was received; and
- value or amount of each donation.

Received from	Date of donation**	Value of donations (GST inclusive)
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode
Name		\$
Postal address		
Suburb/town	State	Postcode

If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets

Total

\$

* Name and address details

- If the donation was from an unincorporated association (other than a registered industrial organisation), the name of the association along with the name and address of each member of the executive committee are required.
- If the donation was from a trust or foundation, the name or description of the trust or foundation along with the names and addresses of the trustees are required.

** In this form donation is a **gift** within the meaning in section 287(1) of the Electoral Act.

Part 2 – Electoral expenditure (subsection 309(3) of the Electoral Act).

Under section 287(9) of the Electoral Act, a Senate group is taken to begin to be a Senate group in an election, and must report electoral expenditure incurred by or with the authority of members of the Senate group in relation to an election, from the day the members of the Senate group make a request to the AEC for their names to be grouped in the ballot papers and ending 30 days after polling day (17 June 2019).

Electoral expenditure is defined in section 287AB of the Electoral Act to be expenditure incurred for the dominant purpose of creating or communicating electoral matter. Further information on electoral expenditure can be found on the [AEC website](#).

NOTE:

All **electoral expenditure** by the Senate group and its members must be disclosed in this return.

Electoral Expenditure incurred while the Senate group is taken to be a Senate group

\$

Part 3 – Discretionary Benefits (subsection 309(4) of the Electoral Act)

Any members of a Senate group that received any discretionary benefits from the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory during the period of 12 months before polling day must report the details. Discretionary benefits include grants, contracts, payments and other benefits requiring the exercise of discretion by the Commonwealth or State or Territory, and do not include statutory entitlements.

Received from	Date of discretionary benefit	Value of discretionary benefit
Name		\$
<i>If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.</i>		Total \$